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SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WANTS THE US TO AID SOMALIA

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1. OUR CONTACTS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAVE SHOWN US
A MEMO FROM CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S OFFICE INSTRUCTING THAT
THE US BE REQUESTED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO MOVE
FORWARD WITH ITS PLAN TO SEND A MILITARY SURVEY TEAM TO
SOMALIA AND TO GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO SOMALI
REQUEST FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE PLANS TO INSTRUCT ITS EMBASSY TO
CONVEY THIS MESSAGE TO THE DEPARTMENT AT A SENIOR LEVEL
AS SOON AS THE CHANCELLERY HAS GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL TO
THE OFFICIAL PROTOCOL OF THE SCHMIDT-SIAD BARRE
CONVERSATION. (OUR BRIEFING -- REFTEL -- WAS BASED
ON THE "UNOFFICIAL" MEMCON.) THE FRG EMBASSY WILL BE
INFORMED THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS BRIEFED US IN
BONN ON THE VISIT BUT WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO CONVEY THE
MAIN POINTS DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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3. THE MEMCON WE SAW OF THE SCHMIDT-SIAD BARRE TALKS
CONCLUDED WITH SCHMIDT'S OFFER TO MEET IN PRIVATE,
ONE-ON-ONE, LATER IN THE DAY. THE MEETING DID TAKE
PLACE, BUT OUR CONTACTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN INFORMED
OF THE RESULTS. IT APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT SIAD BARRE
WAS MORE FORTHCOMING ON THE SUBJECT OF GUARANTEES THAN
HE HAD BEEN IN THE EARLIER MEETING. IN FACT, GENSCHER,

IN HIS MEETING WITH SIAD BARRE THE NEXT DAY, NOTED THAT THE STATEMENT ON NON-AGGRESSION SIAD BARRE HAD MADE TO THE CHANCELLOR WAS "SIGNIFICANT" FOR THE FRG.

4. WE WILL FOLLOW-UP TO LEARN WHAT WE CAN ABOUT THE PRIVATE TALKS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT SCHMIDT'S REQUEST THAT THE US PROCEED WITH ITS MILITARY SURVEY MISSION AND PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE STEMS DIRECTLY FROM THAT DISCUSSION. THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MAY BE PROVIDED WITH MORE DETAILS IN ITS INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEMARCHE. STOESEL

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